# Depot Town Rag

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*and other strictly local stuff. . . .*

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## St. Pat's celebrations complete the district's promotions calendar

There was a time when the big event down on this block was when the train stopped to take on passengers. At its peak at the end of World War II, passenger liners stopped here more than twenty times a day. Then the trains stopped stopping and the locals had to look for something else to bring the folks back to the neighborhood.

• June 23, 24, 25 sees the spectacular Frog Island music festival.

• From there to August's Heritage Fest the district is its own event - with sidewalk cafés lining the streets from the river to the railroad track. Yesterfesters flock to the block for anything that looks like it's not from the cultures of the Eighties or Nineties.

• The Fall Fair is the zenith of the Farmers' Market harvest season in October with the city-wide Hallowe'en party capping that month.

• On Thanksgiving, the Festival of Lights begins in Riverside park and holds forth until the New Year Jubilee that spreads throughout the area.

• During that colorful event is the district's Victorian Holiday when Santa visits and most shops host open houses.

• Spring needed just the boost the Gaelic League of Ypsilanti gave it when they instituted the St. Patrick's Day Parade which debuted last year. In a town famous for colorful and fun parades, the St. Pat's event is certainly in the right place at the right time. In fact, it's the only one in Michigan.

## Directions to Depot Town

The people at Ypsilanti's Visitors and Convention Bureau are all out of those slick brochures telling tourists how to find this place and they hope we'll create a newer version of hype and hoopla for the old railroad district. That's not too easy to do in a town where the street plan was dictated by foot trails, the river, and the schism of an Interstate highway cut-off.

No simple grid plan will suffice, especially where half of the existing north/south or east/west routes seem to be wrong/way one-ways. 'Penetrator' routes angle off to Willow Run or Ann Arbor with little thought of connecting to historic Depot Town.

**"You can't miss it,"** enthuse locals when giving directions from east-bound Washtenaw Avenue, and that works just fine until you end at Huron Street and begin a trial-and-error search for that portion of Cross Street which is a two-way thoroughfare.

Saturdays and Wednesdays are the easiest days to find the district, after market manager, Gary Urick, and his crew have put up the wire-legged 'It's Market Day in Depot Town' yard signs at every intersection. Helpful, too, are the city's roadside signs which were erected a decade ago designating 'Depot Town,' 'EMU,' and 'Downtown'. Until that signage innovation, city officials claimed the proposal would 'favor certain businesses,' as if Detroit/Chicago signs on I-94 were simply a commercial ploy to lure unthinking shoppers to Hudson's or Marshall Field's.

Today's district draws such a loyal clientele that just about everyone on the block feels they have their own private parking space and they often can identify every car within smiling distance.

**Consumer surveys** of five years ago discovered that most of the folks on the sidewalks down here had come from quite close by and that they've been coming regularly for a long time.

Depot Town can still be found by the smells of fresh-baked bread, auto paints, farm-fresh produce, great cookin' aromas, hops and barley potions of malt beverages, printers' inks, and fresh wood from the most recent remodeling project. You can't miss it. Just follow your nose.

## EMU Center samples Irish culture & customs

Emphasis on "Ireland and the Irish" follows winter presentations on Irish music, art, and literature at Eastern Michigan University's Depot Town Center. This month's programs segue right into the Gaelic League's plans for yet another festive celebration on the seventeenth.

Dr. Roy Johnson, head of EMU's Department of Fine Arts, has been the Irish cultural consultant for the Monday night Sampler Series. "While by no means exhaustive," says Neeta Delaney, "the sessions focus on Ireland and the Irish to provide an enriching and enoyable window on a culture that has had a massive impact on our lives as Americans."

- **March 6 - The Irish oral tradition: telling stories.**
- **March 13 - Ireland's future.** Panel: Roy Johnson, Richard Long, Joanna Scott.
- **March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration.**

The sessions run from 7 - 9 each Monday evening, at $19 per person per session or two for $30 and includes traditional Irish refreshments.

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## Introducing:
# The Gaelic League of Ypsilanti

### Statement of purpose

The League promotes Irish culture and heritage throughout Wasthtenaw County and southeastern Michigan. In addition, the League participates in Irish activities both state-wide, nationally and internationally.

The League supports use and knowledge of Irish language, dance, song and musical instruments. The League also supports traditional arts and crafts including knitting, goldsmithing, glass and crystal making, porcelain, roof thatching and masonry, painting, and sculpture.

The League also supports the knowledge of and participation in Irish sports including Hurling/Comeghie and Soccer.

The League supports work in the sciences of Archeology, Geology, Agriculture, Husbandry, and Genealogy, particularly as relating to Ireland and the Irish.

The League is involved in social activities throughout the year. The League is non-political and non-religious.

### Meetings and Membership:

Regular meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. Extra meetings are held from the first of the yer until the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meetings have traditionally been held at the Sidetrack Grill which is our address; however, please check with an officer or at the Sidetrack for the location of the next meeting. Some business or executive meetings may be held elsewhere.

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# Dateline: Depot Town

***A Neighborhood Forgotten by Time (and Life and Newsweek)***

## A new welcome sign

Cady's new entry is so subtle that few even notice the new door and front window to that ever-updating and -improving restaurant site. The oak door and split front window are so natural and appropriate to that old façade that, to the casual passer-by, it goes almost unnoticed.

The newly renovated 'Depot Town Meeting Room' is now open for business and has quickly become a popular meeting and eating space whose need has long been felt here. Of special interest is the skillful use of leaded glass over the doorway to that space - a detail that took special foresight and talent. Diners agree that it's these kinds of details that preserve and enhance the district's uniqueness.

## Incident raises new questions

A man was shot in Riverside Park on the first day of February but by week's end there was increased speculation about the incident. Leaks from City Hall indicate the same victim has complained about several late-night park events in recent months. Although he does not live near any of the three city parks where the instances were said to have occurred, he has reported that he was always alone late at night when he has been jumped, beaten, or shot. The investigation continues.

## Depot name survives - in spite of its current image

Even though yet another possible buyer reports failure at getting control of the centerpiece of the district, many businesses hold out good wishes for that image of ancient transportation in Ypsilanti's good old days.

Seven local businesses include 'depot' in their name and one of them is at least a mile away. Listed in Ameritech's newest publication are Depot Doo, Depot Florist & Greenhouse, Depot Town Association, Depot Town Catering, Depot Town Counseling Center, Depot Town Sour Dough Bakery and Depot Town Travel. One consumer mall even had Santa's Depot the past three years.

Add to this the recent prevalence of such 'depots' as the Home Depot, Office Depot, Tile Depot, Coffee Depot, and more, and we see this neighborhood may be on to something big. What other commercial ventures can trace their history to the arrival of products at the local depot? Watch for them to try to claim some connection to Depot Town - and build it from plastic!


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## 'Glossy' photo features block

Look for a unique roof-top view of this district spread across two pages of the April editon of *Midwest Living* magazine. In an age where everything seems to have been malled over, ancient commerical districts like Depot Town's have become a prime tourist attraction for consumers seeking authenticity and charm.

## First canopy design submitted

William Wildman has created another design for the district, following his earlier drawings and design concepts for the signal tower and the depot. Using classical design elements in the Greek Revival style, Wildman's concept draws the pedestrian to the walkway from East Cross Street to the Market Plaza without succumbing to shopping mall trickery. His is the first plan submitted to the DDA via Judi Monaghan.

Wildman, an east-sider, is active in many railroad projects, including the preservation of the Southern Michigan Railroad which runs excursions from Clinton to Tecumseh.

Monaghan encourages others to submit their plans, ideas, and drawings soon.

# *RAIL MAIL:*

## Dutch Town remembered

Hello!

I am a life-time resident of Ypsilanti and grew up on the 'east-side'. I wish to confirm the recollections in the last *Rag* that Dutch Town was located on Michigan Ave. roughly between Grove and Park St.

In my family, going to the stores in that area was 'going to Dutch Town'. I recall, as a child, asking why it was called Dutch Town? I was told that the merchants who settled that area were of *German* descent. It was further explained to me that the word Dutch refers to the Netherlands, but is *also* a slang word for German, the people of Germany and the German language. That explanation satisfied my curiosity and I have always remembered it.

With World War II and the influx of new people moving into the Ypsilanti area in the early '40s, the designation, Dutch Town, became a part of Ypsilanti's past.

Sincerely,
-Mary Lou Webster


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# Crushed! [Continued from page 5]

followed by curiosity. Large crowds gathered at the mill, in front of the undertakers and in Justice Bogardus' office. When Hand was placed on the motor a large crowd gathered to see him, but it was a cool crowd and was moved by nothing but curiosity. Later, the feeling that he was the guilty man became stronger, and though he should be as innocent as a new born babe, yet he is condemned in the minds of a large part of our citizens.

## Evidence at the inquest

At ten o'clock Monday morning Justice Bogardus' office was packed by a large crowd. The general expectation seemed to be that Hand was to be examined, but the public was doomed to be disappointed, as it was simply a meeting of the coroner's jury. Patrick Rignery, James O'Connor, Joseph Soper and Dr. Owen wre examined, after which there was an adjournment until the afternoon.

Rigney testified that upon returning the second time to the mill he found James O'Connor, Jake Grob and Clifford Hand outside the carpenter shop.

James O'Connor stated thtat he was a painter, and went to the mill to do some painting Sunday morning at 7:45. He found the body of the watchman, went to Grob's and came back with Mr. Grob and Clifford Hand, and they were met by Rigney, Owen and Soper.

Joseph Soper testified that when he was brought to the mill with Dr. Owen by Mr. Rigney they found the above named men he cleared the room of all except Rigney, Owen and O'Connor, who waited till the city marshal came to take charge of the body.

After dinner but one witness was examined, Secretary Adams, of the works, who corroborated the testimony of the others.

The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, Saturday night by being struck on the head by a pipe tongs in the hands of some person unknown to the jury.

## Hunting new clues

Some wonderful stories are told about important finds, but they are mostly visionary. Some keys were found in Hand's pockets which belonged to the mill, but none of which opened outside doors. A window has been found which had been opened and may have been the entrance of the murderer. The detectives and officers are still working hard and it is probable that something new will be turned up this afternoon and evening. Attempts are being made to identify Hand's boots as the ones which made marks which have been found at the mill.

## Later developments

Such was the Time's account as given on Monday evening, and there has been little to report since then. The funeral of the murdered man was held at the Baptist church on Tuesday morning, and was very largely attended.

Clifford Hand, the accused man, has spent the week in the county jail at Ann Arbor. He will be examined on Tuesday next, and has retained Chas. Whitman as his lawyer. Public sentiment has changed materially since Sunday, it being now generally thought that unless the prosecution has some considerable evidence against Hand which has not been made public, the terrible crime cannot be fixed upon him.

## Resolutions of sympathy

Whereas, God, in His Allwide Providence, has seen fit to remove from our midst the beloved husband and father, J.E. Pulver, making desolate the happy home; therefore be it

Resolved: That we, the Young Peoples' Society of the First Baptist church of Ypsilanti, extend to the bereaved famlly our heartfelt sympathy, earnestly praying that the Father will, in His Infinite Mercy, comfort and sustain them in this said hour of affliction, and be it furthermore

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and that they be printed in the city papers.

Committee: S.E. Howe, Flora Wilber, W.E. Case, H.C. Amerman.

*The Ypsilantian*, 17 March 1898

## A midnight horror

### Ypsilanti's fair fame stained by the first murder in a third of a century

**Jay E. Pulver struck down by an assassin while at his duties as watchman at the Woolen Mill**

### Clifford Hand is held in jail accused of the crime

Thirty-three years ago, George W. Washburne kept a meat market where Brown's market now is. He was coarse, cruel, and dissipated. One bright afternoon in May, 1860, he went to his home, the house next north of Worden's shop on River street [City Radiator], and in a drunken fury murdered his wife, by smothering wth a pllow, and threw her dead body down the cellar stairs, to give the appearancae of death by accident. He was arrested and tried, convicted of "manslaughter" chiefly on the testimony of his two little children, and sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years. He returned here after serving his term, but soon sought refuge from the public detestation, among strangers elsewhere.

That was the first murder that had blotted the fame of Ypsilanti, in the thirty-three years that had elapsed since the act of 1827 created a township of that name; and during the thirty-three years that have since been added to our hisotry, there had not been another until last Saturday night.

Jay E. Pulver lived with his family on Ballard street, near the head of Olive street. About a month ago he was employed as night watchman at the woolen mill, and las Saturday evening he went on duty there as usual, and was left in charge of the mill by Secretary Adams at about half past 6. When Patrick Rigney, the day watchman, went to the mill to relieve Pulver about 7 o'clock Sunday morning, his customary signal received no response, and he was obliged to gain admittance though a window. His search of the premises disclosed a horrible sight. The dead body of the faithful watchman was found in the carpenter shop in the basement of the building, with the skull crushed by blows from a heavy pair of pipe tongs which still lay in the last wound they had made...

...Suspicion, however, had not been without an object to fasten upon, and Clifford Hand was arrested Sunday noon and is now held in close confinement at the jail in Ann Arbor...

...The shop where he was killed is on the basement floor below, where he ordinarily had not occasion to go; and a theory is that he heard the intruder below, and went down to investigate and as he stepped into the shop, with lantern in hand, he received a blow from behind with the tongs on top of the head, where the skull is broken, from which he fell foward... There is no evidence of any struggle, nor that the stricken man moved even a finger after he was struck, and his death was undoubtedly instantaneous and pinless.

It is unlikely that there was any malice against Mr. Pulver. He is not believed to have had an enemy in the world. The object appears to have been to do a serious mischief to the mill, perhaps such as flooding it with the fire apparatus, which Hand understood and had keys in his pocket to reach, and the wattchman was killed mere to escape detection; and the murderer then, alarmed at what he had done, escaped by the secret door without carrying out his object.

Clifford Hand is the son of Samuel Hand, one of the old residents of this city. He is 84 years old, and lived with his wife and two children at the corner of Forest avenue and Norris street. The date of his examination is not yet fixed.

[Clifford Hand stood trial for the murder of Jay Pulver before the circuit Court in Ann Arbor in October of 1893. Because the jury could not reach a verdict, a second trial was held in January of 1894. This time Hand was found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life. The story, however, did not end there. - James Thomas Mann]

*The Ypsilantian*, 27 December 1900

## Pardoned by Governor

Clifford Hand, sent from this city to Jackson prison for life for the murder of Mr. Pulver in the Hay & Todd factory in this city in 1893 was pardoned by Gov. Pingree Tuesday. It is reported that some 300 of the most prominent citizens of Ypsilanti signed his petition for pardon. Certain persons whose names are reported on that petition deny that they were ever solicited to sign it, and that any one was authorized to do so.

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**16 February 1995**

**Minutes of January** approved as published.

**Rag Report:** Rag to report another dead in the history of Depot Town as part of continuing series. Also: Cady's new door, St. Patrick's parade, EMU's cultural samplers.

**Depot Town Downtown Development Authority:** Parking plans for River and Cross streets being pursued.

**Events:** Frog Island Jazz Festival in the planning. Festival will take place 23, 24, 25 June. No word on ticket price yet.

**Old Business:**

**Bylaws review** tabled until next meeting.

**St. Patrick's Day events:** Parade to take place 17 March at 2 P.M. and travel east on Cross Street. It will end behind Aubree's in the big parking lot. After parade family events scheduled at the Freighthouse. Mulligan Stew will perform as well as story telling and other events. DTA to donate the Gaelic League the use of the Freighthouse.

**New Business:**

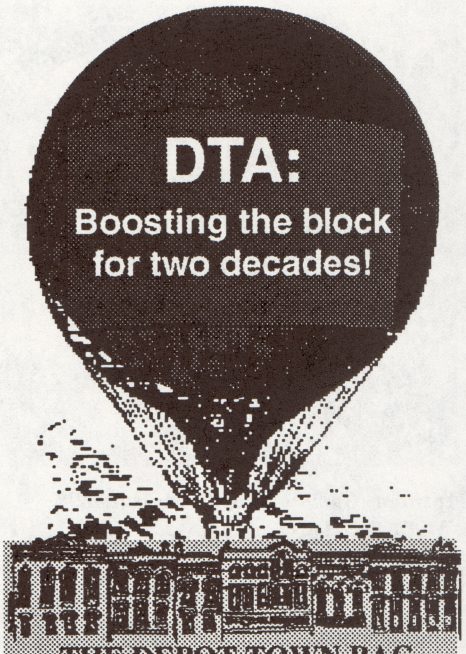
***Willis Whittaker Register*:** Mark Serrahn, sales director of the new paper, announced beginning publication of the weekly on 15 March. Area to be covered would include I-94 to Milan and US-23 to Sumpter. This includes approximately 10,000 households and the Lincoln School District. If interested in advertising or subscriptions, write P.O. Box 39, Whittaker, MI 48190 or call (313) 461-9853.

**Priorities for 1994 reviewed:** Over 66% of the outlined goals have been achieved or are in the making such as develop block advertising, more diversity in new businesses, more television coverage, more merchant involvement in district promotions, rebirth of jazz events with WEMU, broaden base of volunteers, expand and coordinate business hours, installation of money machine. Depot Town is here to say and we're gong places. You're missing out if you're not involved and so are we. Join us and lend a hand.

**Next Meeting:** 16 March 1995 at 7:30 at Renewed Interest Antiques. On agenda are bylaws and plans for Heritage Festival.

**Best Yet Award:** St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Golden Goose:** To those who have painted graffiti on the Follett House, Radiator Shop on River street, and Depot Town sign at N. River and Michigan.

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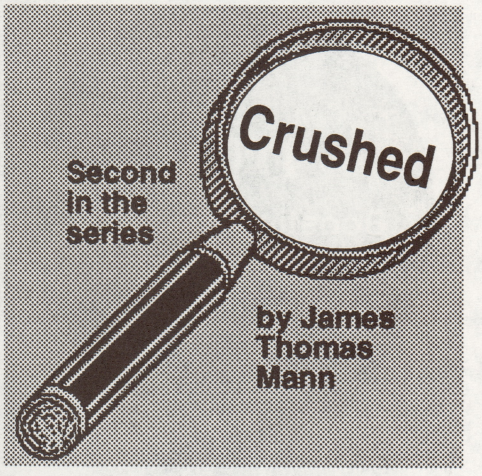


*Ypsilanti Commercial*, 17 March 1898

# Murder most foul!

## Jay E. Pulver, night-watchman at the woolen mill foully murdered

## Clifford Hand arrested for the crime

The Washtenaw Times of Monday gave so fair and impartial an account of the horror which has been the all absorbing topic of conversation in our city this week that we reprint it entire.

The usual calm and quiet of Sunday morning in Ypsilanti was unduly broken yesterday by rumors of murder. Who? when? and where? came the questions from a thousand lips. Jay Pulver had been murdered at the Hay and Todd mill. Pulver was night watchman at the mill, and he had been found dead by Patrick Rigney, an employe of the company, whose duty is to release him at 7 o'clock in the morning. When Rigney reached the mill Sunday morning shortly before 7 o'clock he was unable to gain admittance, as usual, by the front door. He tried all the entrances but Pulver did not come to let him in. At last he became suspicious, and having gained entrance into the building through a window he began to make a search of the mill. He went to nearly all parts of the plant before entering the carpenter shop on the ground or basement floor. Upon entering this room a terrible sight met his gaze.

On the floor lay Jay Pulver, the watchman, dead with his crushed head in a pool of blood. Frightened and terrified he went immediately for Mr. Soper the manager of the mill who with Dr. Owen hastened to the scene of the crime.

The carpenter shop is situated on a floor, which in the front is a basement but, as the ground on which the mill is built slopes from the front towards the river in the rear the room in the back are above ground. [across Forest avenue from the former Farm Bureau, on the site of Riverside Supply, across the river from Frog Island Park] The room in question is on the south side of the building and nearly on a level with the ground. The murdered man was found lying near the window with his head toward the east, his legs stretched out nearly straight towards the west, his right hand stretched toward the south and his left hand under the side of his belly. His right hand was within two feet of his lantern, which was tipped over and extinquished but not broken. His head was crushed in and the instrument which had done this terrible work a heavy pair of pipe tongs, lay in the wound. The man lay nearly face downward, but looking a little toward the south. Mr. Pulver was last seen alive other than by the murderer, by Mr. H.B. Adams, the secretary fo the company, who was let out of the mill by Pulver at 6:30 Saturday afternoon. Mr. Adams before leaving the mill went all over the building to see that everything was all right and finding everything in proper condition, left Mr. Pulver to begin his work at the time stated.

### The time of the murder

Besides his duties as watchman, Mr. Pulver was required to sweep the building. He usually finished the basement floor between 11 o'clock and 12 o'clock, after which he would eat his lunch before proceeding to work on the floor above. On Saturday night, however, as the help was dismissed an hour earlier than other evenings, he could finish earlier, and as he told his wife, when leaving home, that he intended to finish all his work by midnight, it is possible that he might have finished the basement floor as early as 10 o'clock, and perhaps even earlier. As this work was found completed Sunday morning, but nothing had been done on the floor above, it is probable that the murder was committed between 10 and 11 o'clock, or thereabouts.

### How it was done

The temporal bone on the right side of the head was found crushed in. There was a bad cut on top of the head and in fact there was hardly a square inch of bone in the head which was not crushed or broken. From this and the position of the body, when found, it would appear that a blow had been struck from behind on the top of the head with the pipe tongs, which were large and heavy enough to fell an ox. Then with the same instrument, the fallen man had been struck on the right side of the head one or more blows and the tongs left as they fell in the last wound.

There was nothing about the position of the body or the condition of the room to indicate a struggle.

### Why it was done

No means of entrance for the murderer was found, but the manner of exit was found to have been a door which is locked by a bar on the inside. This had been opened from the inside. This door opens from the northeast corner of the basement out into the river. These facts would indicate that the murderer was someone who knew the buidings; also how to gain entrance without breaking in and also of the above stated means of exit which is known to but a few. It is therefore thought that the deed was committed by someone familiar with the building, who, being surprised by the night-watch, had murdered him to prevent detection. Nothing about the mill was disturbed and no attempt at robbery had been made. Hence it is thought that the purpose of the assassin's visit was not robbery. Mr. Pulver was a man who had no known enemies and thus the conviction was forced on those searching for a clew, that Mr. Pulver met his death at the hands of some one acquainted with the mill, who entered for the purpose of injuring the property and had been surprised by him.

### After the discovery

The mill was immediately taken possession of by Mr. Soper, manager of the company, and the body was taken to Cook and Brown's store under the direction of Marshal Redner. A coroner's jury composed of W.B. Hixon, C.S.Wortley, Wm. Riekey, C.L. Yost, O.Westfall and Wm. Seymour, after examining the remains and visiting the scene of the crime, adjourned till Monday at 10 o'clock.

The sheriff and deputy sheriff were sent for and together with our local officers began immediate work on the case. Barker and Tucker, Detroit detectives, were also sent for and came out on the fast train.

### An arrest

Suspicion seemed to point towards Clifford Hand, a former employee of the Hay and Todd Mnfg. Co. who had been discharged some four weeks ago. He had worked at the works from boyhood, and been allowed considerable freedom by the former management, but had not got along well with the new, and when discharged had made threats against prominent men of the company. He knew the works perfectly and could easily have gained admittance. He was arrested at Nick Max's saloon [Sidetrack Grill], about noon and lodged in the city jail. He claimed that he left this same saloon about 10 o'clock Saturday evening and went immediately home. The statements of himself and wife did not agree exactly as to the time of his arrival home. After his arrest, his home was visted and the clothes he had worn the previous evening were secured and taken to Justice Bogardus's office. Some spots which looked like blood were found but no expert examined them. Hand was taken to Ann Arbor at 2:00 o'clock and lodged in the county jail.

### Jay Pulver

Jay Pulver was a man 40 years old. He has lived in Ypsilanti for several years, having worked on the Lake Shore, as section boss, on the motor line as section boss and also was in the employ of Stone & Co. grocers. He was a temperate man of perfect habits, and one who never quarrelled or had trouble with anyone. He belonged to the Baptist church and was respected in the church and city. He leaves a wife and four children, Bessie, Lulu, Ben and Albert. The two girls are both teaching school, Bessie in the northern part of the state, and Lulu at Rawsonville. The oldest boy is in the employ of Fred Davis, the druggist, and the younger one is in school. The family live on Ballard st., near Forest Ave., and are completely prostrated by the terrible blow.

### Clifford Hand

Clifford Hand is a man 34 years old. He has excellent parents and is himself married, living on E. Forest ave., just beyond the old gas house site. He is a peculiar man, addicted to drink, and when under the influence of it, is quarrelsome.

### Public Feeling

The first feeling aroused by the news of the murder was that of horror. This was soon

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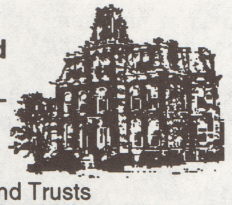

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## Marching again in March

Last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade seemed to mystify some of the reporters from *The Daily*. Maybe they didn't know what to look for - or maybe they looked in the wrong place. Either way, the local reporters seemed to think the first procession in this town in a long time ought to be a solemn or even morbid occasion.

It wasn't -- and the reports in the papers seemed to question the purpose of the event, rather than report what actually happened.

Here's a check list for anyone covering this year's event - for the papers or themselves:

- Wear something green. It's not to be confused with June's 'green theme' which focuses on frogs, Frog Island, and jazz.
- Follow the Mayor and City Council's good example and be prepared to walk funny. It's o.k. to get out into the parade yourself, and do some high steppin' with the cadence of bands, bagpipes, or drums.
- Look for an Irish repast when you get to the bottom of the hill in Depot Town. There'll be the aroma of cooked cabbage through the district. Balance that with corned beef, Irish coffee, potatoes in *any* form, and even green beer.
- Don't be afraid to dance. An Irish jig is a lot like skipping, and you can do it alone, with a partner, or in groups. Just hang your arm around someone else's shoulder and pretend you know what you're doing.
- And don't be afraid to talk to people you don't know. How are you going to get to know them if you don't? That's an Irish tradition - and it's a Depot Town way of life all year long.
- Bring your camera. Here's one more event in the old district of Ypsilanti that causes us to recognize *these* as the 'good old days.' It's worth a whole page in your scrapbook.

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